1	2	3	4
62.	Asia Reporter	10000	25,000
63.	Souvenir of DHR	15000	NA
64.	Todays Traveller	50000	NA
65.	World of Travel & Tourism	25000	35000
66.	Buddhist Mirror	25000	18000
67.	Profile 2001	15000	NA

Upsurge in number of tourists visiting J and K

1205. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of domestic and foreign tourists are visiting the valley of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, details of tourists both national and international who visited the valley during the last three months; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken to give protection to the tourists visting the valley; and if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) According to the information provided by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, the number of tourist visits to Kashmir Valley has increased from 1,931 in January, 2001 to 21,914 in June, 2001.

(b) Total number of visits of domestic and foreign tourists to Kashmir Valley during the period April, 2001 to June, 2001 are as follows:—

Month	Number of visits of tourists		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total
April	2417	712	3129
May	11291	551	11842
June	21292	622	21914

(c) Various steps taken by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir for protection of tourists include deployment of 'Tourist Police' to protect tourists against any cheating, touting and harassment, round the clock vigil by Jammu and Kashmir Police over tourist resorts, hotels, tourist spots and routes leading to tourist resorts, etc. The interest of tourist visiting Jammu and Kashmir are also protected by a Special Legislation called Jammu and Kashmir Registration of Tourist Trade Act.

Karnataka State Tourism Projects

1206. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Karnataka State Tourism Projects prioritised during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2001-2002;

(b) the amount released on these projects project-wise;

(c) the reasons for not releasing the sanctioned amount to these projects; and

(d) on how many projects utilisation certificates have not been furnished by the Karnataka Government?